(ഛ) അവർ ഏതെല്ലാം ഡിപ്പാർട്ടമെൻറുകളിലാണെന്നും ഇപ്പോൾ വാങ്ങുന്ന ശമ്പളം എത്രവീതമാണെന്നും സഭയെ ഉടനടി അറിയിക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എസ്സ്. നാരായണയ്യർ *(Secretary to Government)*.— (ഛ) and (ഛ) അനുബന്ധം നോക്കുക (*Appendix II*).

Regarding the amount spent for the purchase of stores to meet the requirements of the various departments.

355. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur)*.— Will the Government state:—

(a) the approximate amount annually spent for the purchase of stores to meet the requirements of the various departments;

(b) whether they have constituted any central agency to make the purchase co-ordinate, efficient and economic?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).— (a) Rs. 3,76,740—8—0.

(b) No; but the question of efficiency and economy is never lost sight of in making the purchases.

Mr. K. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur)*.—Will the Government kindly inform the House whether in making these purchases the Government have approached the Government of India Stores Department.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.— It is not found necessary because our present system is working satisfactorily and economically.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*.—Has not the establishment of a central agency resulted in more efficiency and economy elsewhere?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.— It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—I am asking for the information of Government whether they have noted that the establishment of a central agency has worked more efficiently elsewhere.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.— They are not in a position to say that.

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Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—May I know what portion of the articles purchased is made in India?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—Perference is always given to goods manufactured in India. It is only in exceptional cases that foreign made articles are purchased, for instance I can say with regard to stationery articles.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Are swadeshi things preferred in this connection?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*)—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Are the Government aware that a central agency has been formed in Travancore recently for the purchase of stores?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—Yes; I am aware.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Then why did the Hon'ble Member say that he was not in a position to say that elsewhere it was working satisfactorily? (Loud laughter)

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—I am aware of it as a physical fact just as we are all here today.

Nuisance caused by the night-soil dumping ground belonging to the Trichur Municipality—complaint regarding—

356. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any complaint from the inhabitants of the Aranattukara village against the nuisance caused by the night-soil dumping ground belonging to the Trichur Municipality in Lalur;

(2) if so, what action they have taken in the matter?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—(1) Yes.

(2) Government have accepted the proposal of the Trichur Municipal Council to shift the dumping ground to another place.

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